



# Board Bulletin

May 16, 2014

## ***FY 14-15 Recommended Budget Preview***

The FY 2014-2015 Manager's recommended budget will be presented to the Board for consideration on Monday, May 19. The public hearing related to the recommended budget will be Monday, June 2. Below please find several highlights of the recommended budget:

- **No tax rate increase recommended**

- **Additional funding for education**

The budget recommends a 1% increase in current expense funding for both the Stanly County School System (\$95,709) and Stanly Community College (\$12,678)

An additional \$150,000 in grant funds for classroom science supplies, literacy materials and athletic training supplies for the public school system.

An additional \$25,000 energy efficiency grant is recommended for Stanly Community College capital improvements.

- **Deferred maintenance is prioritized**

An increase is recommended to address multiple repair and maintenance issues at various facilities.

- **Additional funding for public safety equipment**

The budget recommends increased funding to replace the 911 Center's back-up power supply, Sheriff's Office vehicles and EMS defibrillator equipment.

- **Investing in employees**

Funding for a 1.0% COLA effective July 1, 2014 is recommended as well as the continuation of the wellness clinic, insurance gainsharing and pay-for-performance (merit).

- **Continued support for economic development**

Funding for existing industry initiatives and incentives is maintained. Further it is recommended \$12,500 be allocated for commercial kitchen upgrades for valued added agriculture processing.

## ***Capital & Special Projects Update***

Below please find a summary of activity as it relates to several on-going capital projects:

1. ***Tarheel ChalleNge Academy*** – MBAJ/Boomerang Design is working to finalize the renovation designs for the facility. The National Guard has utilized troop labor for demolition work over the past 30 days. The use of troop labor will reduce the overall cost of the project.

2. ***Oakboro Sewer Plant Acquisition*** – The County will complete its purchase of the Oakboro waste water treatment plant and McCoy's Creek pump station on Friday, May 16.

3. ***Emergency Radio System*** – The bid opening for grading and site preparation at the three (3) new tower sites will occur on Friday, May 30.

Grading will commence at the Tuckertown site in early June. However, the County will not initiate grading at the Locust or Norwood sites until the historic sites review has been finalized by NC DENR.

4. ***Fiber/Broadband Study*** – ECC Technologies is currently working on a comprehensive fiber assessment for the County. To date, the consultants have assisted MCNC with their FCC grant application to extend a dark fiber, open-access system into Stanly County. The consultants have also initiated business development meetings with incumbent providers as well as potential anchor tenants. Further, cost and route modeling has begun along US 52 and NC 49.

## ***Upcoming Meetings & Events***

<b>BOCC Regular Meeting</b>	Monday, May 19 7:00 PM Commons Meeting Room
<b>Memorial Day Holiday</b>	Monday, May 26 County Offices Closed
<b>Stanly COG Meeting</b>	Tuesday, May 27 6:30 PM Agri-Civic Center